

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1174
By Hawk

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ben K. Wexler on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Ben K. Wexler is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as a Circuit Court Judge for many years, and he recently took a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, before serving as a Circuit Court Judge, Mr. Wexler served with acumen and alacrity as an attorney in Greene County for eight years, Assistant District Attorney for six years, and Greeneville City Judge for seven years; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Boone's Creek High School, Ben Wexler enlisted in the Army Air Force, and after basic training, he was sent to England with the 8th Air Force; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Ben K. Wexler served as an engineer and top turret gunner on a B17 plane, flying in seventeen combat missions (twelve as lead plane) over Europe and fighting to protect the freedoms and principles we all hold dear; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Ben Wexler returned to the United States and was assigned to a B29 plane crew; he was severely injured in an accident during a plane flight when he had to bail out over the mountains of California, and he spent a year in the hospital recovering from his injuries; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wexler attended East Tennessee State College, and after graduation, he worked for a tire company in Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, aspiring to go to law school, Ben Wexler began attending the University of Tennessee College of Law in the fall of 1958, and he graduated in December of 1960; and

WHEREAS, Ben Wexler married the former Mary Lou Hull, and their marriage was blessed with three wonderful sons and one daughter-in-law, and he is the proud grandfather of two grandsons; and

WHEREAS, a respected member of the Greeneville community, Judge Wexler donates his time and many talents to numerous noteworthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wexler epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Ben K. Wexler has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Ben K. Wexler our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.